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COOPERATION: JOINT COMMITTEE TRAVEL AND SOVIET TEAMS
ARRIVING NOVEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 1.

REF: A. MOSCOW 16938 B. NEETZ LTR OCTOBER 19

1. JOINT COMMITTEE TRAVEL SCHEDULE REQUESTED REF A
ACCEPTED, SUBJECT TO FINAL AGREEMENT BY HOSTS IN FIELD.
SOVIET AGRICULTURAL COUNSELLOR GAVVA WISHES TO ADD INTER-
NATIONAL HARVESTER TO PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 6 IN CHICAGO.
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 DOES RUNOV PREFER DEPART MADISON
IN MORNING AND HAVE AFTERNOON FREE IN DES MOINES OR
MORNING IN MADISON AND FLIGHT TO DES MOINES IN
AFTERNOON?

2. USDA WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THREE TEAMS FOR WHICH PROGRAMS
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SENT AS ATTACHMENT TO REF B. ITINERARIES FOR FORECASTING AND

CRIS/CAIN TEAMS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. US SOVIET TRADE COUNCIL AND FMC HAVE WORKED OUT COMPLETE ITINERARY FOR POTATO PROCESSING TEAM. USDA WILL MEET NOVEMBER 29 AND CAN PROVIDE PROGRAM BELTSVILLE AT END OF US PROGRAM. (BELTSVILLE NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED IN SOVIET PROGRAM TRANSMITTED TO USDA BUT FMC ADVISES THIS IS DESIRED).

3. SECRETARIAT DISCUSSED INCLUSION OSYCHKIN OF SELSKAYA ZHIZN WITH GAVVA AND TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND JOINT COMMITTEE SESSIONS BECAUSE THIS WOULD REQUIRE OPENING SESSIONS TO US PRESS AS WELL. USDA WILL ARRANGE CONTACTS WITH AGRICULTURAL PRESS FOR OSYCHKIN IN WASHINGTON AND FIELD.

4. SOVIET PROGRAM REQUEST FOR CRIS/CAIN INCLUDES SOVIET ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SHEREMETEV AS INTERPRETER. DUE HEAVY WORKLOAD DURING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, SECRETARIAT DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF KEEPING SHEREMETEV IN WASHINGTON DURING MEETINGS SINCE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTACHE WILL BE IN FIELD WITH DAIRY TEAM WHICH COMING AS COMMERCIAL VISITORS. USDA OFFERED TO PROVIDE RUSSIAN SPEAKING ESCORT FOR CRIS/CAIN TEAM AND GAVVA AGREED THAT SHEREMETEV SHOULD REMAIN WASHINGTON.
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